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H.B. No. 2114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority of the Health and Human Services
3 Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Texas to identify
4 customers who may be eligible for bill payment assistance programs.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Utilities Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 32.005 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 32.005. INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION. (a)
9 The Health and Human Services Commission may regularly provide to
10 the commission a list of persons in this state who:

11 (1) receive medical assistance under the medical
12 assistance program established under Chapter 32, Human Resources
13 Code; or

14 (2) receive benefits under the supplemental nutrition
15 assistance program established under Chapter 33, Human Resources
16 Code.

17 (b) The commission may use the list to assist a municipally
18 owned utility, electric cooperative, electric utility, or retail
19 electric provider in providing bill payment assistance to customers
20 who receive assistance or benefits described by Subsection (a).

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.